Unit 2: Exercise 6

Read the information. Then read the question and answer options again. Complete the sentences that explain why the options were right or wrong. Use words from the paragraph.

After you have found the information you need in a Reading passage, it can be a useful check to decide why the other options were wrong.

In the 1700s, ice cream started to become popular in the USA. Adverts began to appear in newspapers for a growing number of specialist ice-cream shops, which made and sold their own frozen desserts. As before, however, ice cream was only affordable for society's elite. The first American president, George Washington, was known to enjoy ice cream. He spent an incredible $200 on ice cream in just one year – the equivalent of at least $5,000 in today's money.

When the writer discusses the first ice cream shops in the USA, he or she is surprised that

A there were so many ice-cream shops.

B anyone would spend so much on ice cream.

C ice cream was so expensive in the 1700s.

D the first president of the USA liked ice cream.

1 Option A is wrong. The writer doesn't give any opinion about the _____ of ice-cream shops. He or she only mentions that the quantity of shops was _____ .

2 Option B is correct. The word _____ means 'impossible or very difficult to believe'. The writer is adding a comment to a fact, to say how surprising it was that someone spent such a large amount of money on something such as _____ .

3 Option C is wrong. The writer doesn't give any *opinion* about how expensive ice cream was. He or she just mentions that it was only _____ for the richest people in society – the _____ .

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Option D is wrong. The writer talks about the first _____, and says that he used to _____ ice cream, but the writer presents this as a fact. He or she doesn't express any surprise.

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